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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/879,279 for IN  
VITRO CAPTURE OF NUCLEIC ACIDS VIA MODIFIED  
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND MAGNETIC BEADS  
Our Ref. No. 1392/18/2

Sir:

Please find attached in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. An Amendment C (6 pages); and
2. Request for Continued Examination including a Petition for an Extension of Time (1 page) in duplicate.

A check in the amount of \$1,360.00 is enclosed herewith and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 50-0426.

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